

the DIPLOMACY (the game created by Allan Calhamer but now owned and marketed by the Avalon-Hill Co), supplement to the Sunday Western Star-Free Press, Vol 12, No 7, May 20, 1984.

DIPPY Game #22, the Levy, 1983J, ~~1983~~ Winter, 1908/Spring, 1909;

England (Dave Kleiman) WINTER: Builds F EDI, F LON, A LVP... SPRING: a lvp-YORK;  
lon-NTH; F EDI-mwg; F NUG-mry; f spa ac-W MED; a por-SPA; f mid-N AFR; f eng ch-MID;  
f nth-DEN; F SWE sup f nth-den; F alal-dar DISLODGED, must retreat to holl, hel, or  
otb; a bur-MUN; A RUHR sup a bur-mun

France (CIVIL DISORDER); WINTER: remove f. sl. SPRING: A PAR H

Italy (Jack Frost): WINTER: f ion retreats to TUN...Builds A ROME...SPRING: A ROME  
sup a ven; A VEN sup a rome; F TUN H; f tyen-NAP

Russia (John Stewart): WINTER; Builds A-STP, A WAR...SPRING; f ion-ADR; f aeg-ION; F GRE sup f aeg-ion; a ser-ALB; A TRI sup a vie-tyro; a vie-TYRO; a bud-VIE; A BOH-mun; a mun-KDEL; a ara-SEV; ~~WINTER~~ A BER sup a mun-kiel; a pru-STL; a war-PRU; A LVN-stp; A STP-nwy; ~~WINTER~~ F BAL-den.

**Standby: Needed.**

**DEADLINE** for Fall, 1909 orders is mail delivery of Weds, June 6, 1984

**Press:**

ENGLAND-ITALY--Hope you took my suggestions...

RUSSIA-ENGLAND—This could be interesting. I know I spent quite a bit of time on this. Wonder how it will turn out.

**HINSDALE**--Once again we have a proposal for a Russian/English draw. Please vote Ays or Nay with your PAFL orders. --LOS 2 AND 200--and 2 :17

DIPPY Gams #23, the Omelet, 1983CN, Fall, 1905. There is at least one "No" vote to the draw proposal. The game continues...

Austria-Hungary (Phil<sup>1</sup>Radnada): PHIL<sup>1</sup>ADN; F ALB-ION; F AEG H; A BUL-con; A SEV-arm; a run-UKR; a set-BUL; A MOS-arm; A PRU-ber; A GAL-sil; A BOH sup French a bur-mun; A TYRO sup French a bur-mun; a pie-SPA; F LYON con a pie-spa; F.W MED sup a pie-spa; a spa-POR

CONTROLS: bur, vis, tri, bur, gre, ser, rum, ven, nap, tun, rome, war, mos, sev, spa, por --16-- Add one unit.

England (Terry Lachcik): A YORK-kiel; F NTH con a york-kiel; F LON-eng ch;  
A KIEL-lvn; F BAL con a kiel-lvn; ~~BAR con a kiel-lvn~~ F BAR sup a nwy-stp; a nwy-STP  
CONTROLS: Edi, lvp, lon, den, nwy, stp, swe, kiel -8--Add one unit

France (David Bruce) NOTE ADDRESS CHANGE: 724 Forest, Glen Ellyn, Ill 60137):  
 a bur-MUN; ~~ENG CH sup f bre-PIC; F ENG CH sup f bre-pic~~ A GAS-spa; a mar-PIED;  
~~bre-PIC; F ENG CH sup f bre-pic~~  
 CONTROLS: bre, mar, par, bel, & mun --5--No change.

Germany (Ronald Kelly): A BER-mun; a mun-sil/DISLODGED, destroyed; A RUHR sup  
a ber-mun; F HELGO con English a york-kiel  
CONTROES: ber, holl --2--Minus one unit

Turkey (Ken Iverson): A ARM-sev; f black-CON; A SMY sup f black-con  
 CONTROLS; ank, con, smy --3--No change.

Standby: John Stewart

DEADLINE for Winter, 1905 adjustments is mail delivery of June 6, 1984

**Press:**

Press:  
HINSDALE—We have another draw proposal: France-Austria-Turkey-England. Please  
Aye or Nay with your ~~fall~~ winter adjustments.

And, our apologies for the general sloppiness...  
M O R E

DIPPY, page 2, game #24

DIPPY Game #24, the Mays, 1984F, Winter, 1902:

Austria-Hungary (Tom Slaughter): No change. Has A GAB, A RUM, A SER, F GRE  
England (Jack Frost): f nth retreats to ION...Builds F EDI...Also has F N ATL,  
A SVE, F SKAG  
France (Philip Redmond): No change. Has: F ENG CH, F IRI, F MID, A SPA, A BUR,  
A BEL  
Germany (Niel Kieraz): f swe retreats to BAL...Also has F NTH, A DEN, A HOIL,  
A MUN  
Italy (Web Erni): Builds A VEN, F NAP...Also has F ION, A TUN, A TYRO, A VIE  
Russia (David Bruce NOTE ADDRESS CHANGE: 724 Forest Ave, Glen Ellyn, Ill 60137):  
No change. Has A BOH, A UKR, F ARG, F STP SC  
Turkey (Daniel W Wallick): a rum retreats to SEV...Also has F SMY, F E MED, A HUL  
Standby: Ken Iverson, Ronald Kelly  
DEADLINE for Spring, 1903 orders is mail delivery of June 6, 1984  
Press:

BUDAPEST TO ROME: I understand you are eager to get out of the great capital city  
of the Empire. So is the Emperor. Not that we do not like the presence of the Italian  
ally. It is just that we have an uneasy feeling when on the road.

BUDAPEST TO MOSCOW: Here I come! You will have to convince the Italian that you  
have the better position than I...How?

BUDAPEST TO CONSTANTINOPLE: Give a guy a break, will you? When a fella's ally is  
taking his capital, a fella has to take something!

RUSSIA: Gee this game is fun.

DIPPY Game #25, the Orwell, 1984K, Spring, 1901:

Congratulations, gentlemen, all opening moves succeed:

Austria-Hungary (Jack Frost): a vie-TRI; f tri-ALB; a bud-SER  
England (Tom Slaughter): f lon-ENG CH; f edi-NTH; a lyp-WALES  
France (Jack Schneider): a mar-SPA; f bre-MID; a par-BUR  
Germany (Tom Luttrell): a mun-BOM; a ber-KIEL; f kiel-HELGO  
Italy (Terry Lachcik): a ven-TIRO; a rome-VEN; f nap-ION  
Russia (Niel Kieraz): a war-GAL; a mos-UKR; f stp sc-BOT; f sev-RUM  
Turkey (Phil Redmond): a epr-BUL; f ank-CON; A SMY H  
Standby: Ken Iverson, Ronald Kelly

DEADLINE for Fall 1901 orders is mail delivery of June 6, 1984

Press: none, except to thank Tom Slaughter for his kind remarks...And, Tom, if  
you're really looking for something to do after your tax return is filled out, have  
you ever considered table-top sports games?

Nashledanov,

Oscar

#### HERB COHN

That it was different is the least you can say about South Cicero Promotions' recent outing at Mama Desta's Red Sea restaurant on the north side. All of the dishes were piled on a huge slice of spongy bread, and other pieces of it were provided so the diners could pick up and soak up their meals. Nonetheless this reporter has learned EXCLUSIVELY that a complete selection of Ethiopian fare was not available, not because the main ingredients were unavailable, but because the owner of the place doesn't know the English names for all of the spices used in Ethiopian cooking. Oh, and, that's right, there was no goat dishes on the menu, at least to any of the STAR's diners. It wouldn't have mattered anyway, as Joe Antosiak put it, "It all tastes the same," and Joe is an expert on spicy exotic foods, having long patronized the Thai establishments in town...

JOANNE KULISKA joins the list of STAR travelers. She'll be visiting Italy this year. Buono, Joanne!

TOM ENG reports he is really enjoying the atmosphere at his new place of employment, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of California. He writes that they're open and outgoing at Blue Cross, unlike the (See "COHN" page 2)

#### The World's Degradest Newspaper...

Quotable: Yogi Berra, about a popular Minneapolis restaurant: "Nobody goes there anymore. It's too crowded..."

KALDENAR: May 23rd is the wedding anniversary of one of America's fun couples, Rich & Marge King (see page 5)...

KVIZ: Answer to last week's question: b) The movie studio put the mousy aspiring actress through a veritable METAMORPHOSIS; now she looks like Jean Harlow. Question #9: Paroxysm: a) a fit (often figurative); b) a type of hairstyle adopted in Japan; c) a bout of coughing; d) an intellectual division between individuals; e) a rift in a valley...

#### FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE STAR:

—Jim Benes and his Dad went to Wrigley Field and witnessed one of the more notable contests of recent years as the Phillies beat the Cubs 23-22 in ten innings. Yes, Benes still has the scorecard in his collection, which goes back to 1957...

In sports, Bolingbrook beat Whitehorse 119-111 to advance to the championship round of the TBA playoffs. In the other bracket Macomb and Roswell still had to play, with the winner advancing against Mohawk before reaching the championship bracket. And Ron Gorski announced that rookie Hobart Pelhank, just drafted from Nebraska Cornhuskers, would be the player/coach of the Naperville Suns in 1979-80...

#### "GASSED" KING BEGS OFF R-BALL!!

CHICAGO (SPECIAL to the STAR)—Having worked more than 4 hours in a single day, Rich "Mr Sports" King abruptly and rudely cancelled his racquetball game with Jim Benes. Benes was shocked, since he had to restructure his day to play King in the first place.

"First, I had to postpone that meeting with my good buddy George Bush (they play APBA together, see page 5). Then I moved up my lunch date with Sophia Loren. And I had (See "KING," page 2)

#### UBA COMMISSIONER ON "THE NATURAL"

by J M "Bowie" Gillespie

THE NATURAL isn't. His plate appearances provoke not just tumultuous applause from the stands, but also lightning bolts from the heavens. His towering homeruns clear roofs, damage scoreboards, and knockout light-poles, his foul balls intimidate villains, his defensive abilities are peerless and his homemade bat goes through to the end of the regular season with nary a discoloration. To reinforce the point that THE NATURAL is really quite un-natural, even supernatural, it need only be noted that K.K. Roy Hobbs, the Natural in the film of the same name, is a rookie in his mid-thirties, playing his first and last season of professional (let alone major league) ball for the 1939 National League New York Knights.

To the females in the audience, these feats are probably not in the least remarkable, in view of the fact that Roy Hobbs is portrayed by Robert Redford. To the more critical eye, however, some flaws are apparent. One such failing is the film's inability to decide whether Hobbs is a mere mortal, ~~and~~ albeit the best there is, or contesting on a higher plane. There is ample evidence to support either view, but that evidence seems to conflict and contradict itself, not just support the two different (See "THE NATURAL", p2)

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people he ~~worked~~ worked with at Fireman's Fund, whom Tom describes as people who'd "shake your hand and then stab you in the back." Eng also has been seeded as 70th runner in the upcoming Bay-to-Breakers race which is being run May 29. Good luck, Tom.

You should have seen "handymen" RICH KING and JIM BENES putting up the Wiley-Benes' new screenhouse-gazebo the other day. King thought a gnomon was a dirty word, and Benes' first attempt at putting the thing together resulted in everybody on their hands and knees looking through the grass for a little plastic part he lost. We understand that in Las Vegas they're giving 10-1 odds that it will stand all summer...

#### BOOB TUBE BLITHERINGS

by Gary Boob

Boob's "Boner of the Month" goes to WBEM Idiotradio 78: The bozos over there put poor news reader DON MELLEMA in an incredibly stupid ~~and~~ situation. Somebody (producer? ~~some~~ snoozedirector? mismanaging editfix?) told him to go live with a SHERMAN KAPLAN story, and Mellema, who obviously didn't know the content, pitched it to "Sherman Kaplan in the field, with a live report on a late-breaking story." It turned out to be a report on the sale of an exclusive restaurant. Puh-tewy!!!

RON GORSKI will not be getting a pay raise despite underling PAUL HARVEY moving to a bigger audience on WGN radio. And speaking of WGN, there's no truth to the rumors JERRY FARBER will be replacing WALLY PHILLIPS as morning man, despite the Farb's experience in Indiana radio.

Now that JIM BENES has won yet another Lisagor award for his depressing holiday time-fillers, he's been spurred on to produce another great series. Benes confided to your favorite columnist this next venture is tentatively titled "The Zany Humor of Mammor Khadafy!"

And just to let you know that miracles still do happen...Tom Schaer is still on the air!

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to cancel my advisory session with the mayor. Ah, I guess when you're dealing with temperamental air talent...you know how they are, always thinking of themselves first."

King could not be reached for comment. But the STAR has learned he took a battering earlier in the week, after Ron Gorski hit him with a hard smash, and gave him a cauliflower ear.

"Well, at least he looks better," noted wife Marge.

#### KING BLASTS GORK, SAYS MADGE SET HIM UP

Last week in these pages, Madge Greenfart quoted Rich King as saying about women: "All they do is get laid and spend money." Now King is charging that he was setup, and that it's all Ron Gorski's fault.

"Gork called me up to complain about the furniture Gail was buying for her newly redecorated sewing room," explained King, "The Gork ranted and raved, saying he didn't like the colors, nor the cost and all I was trying to do was commiserate with a fellow."

King doesn't deny uttering the now infamous words, but he wants to set the context straight.

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viewpoints. This flaw damages the film artistically, but the damage is not serious.

More significant to the baseballpurist is the film's lack of attention to details of the game. On his way to a 1923 pitching tryout with the Cubs, young Hobbs faces "The Whammer" whose physical resemblance to George Herman Ruth is too great to be coincidental and fans him in on three pitches in a small town vacant lot. Why does the "Whammer" bat right-handed? In 1939, the NL teams all are represented by their actual names, except for the New York Knights. Why bother to replace the Giants if you are going to have the Cubs, Bees, Piratees, et al? All of the film's field action takes place in the mythical Knights' home park, except one road game in Wrigley Field. This choice makes obvious sense, since Wrigley Field is the only NL ballyard of that era to survive intact to this day. So why were the Wrigley Field sequences shot somewhere else? And if Hobbs is the greatest player of all time why put him in (See ~~the~~ "THE NATURAL" page 7)

# PREZ, NANCY WIN NEW STAR CONTEST!

Yabba dabba dooo. Hey Nancy, we've won! Now we can get junior that sex change operation!!!! God bless the STAR!



IF WE COULD READ THEIR MINDS:

This sucks. I've been in this underwear for 19 hours!



TRUE STORIES:

**TANZANIA**--Police shot and killed an olympic marathon hopeful out on a morning training run. They thought he was a robber.

**CANADA**--The Pope visits here this fall. Trip organizers have already rejected some souvenirs, including POPE-ON-A-ROPE-SOAP, and POPE CORN.

**CALIFORNIA**--Where else but this state would a policeman shoot himself in the back to make himself out a hero.

**NEW YORK**--A man being chased by police dropped the gun while running away. It was a sawed-off shotgun, and when it went off, it hit him in what at one time was his face.

**NEW YORK**--Former President Nixon admits watching Barnaby Jones, & wants to join a fan club honoring the sleuth.

## WORST WRITER RESULTS

The world's worst writer doesn't work for the STAR! He's Floridian Steve Garman, who won the title about a week ago. As promised, we're printing the winning entry:

The lovely woman-child Kaa was mercilessly chained to the cruel post of the warrior-chief Beastx, with his barbarian tribe now stacking wood at her nubile feet, when the strong clear voice of the poetic and heroic Handsomas roared, 'Flick your Bic, crisp that chick, and you'll feel my steel through your last meal.'

Congrats from the STAR staff Steve; we certainly appreciate talent!

## 7TH ANNUAL PUN CONTEST

And we've got another winner...this from the Pun Contest in Austin, Texas. Here's the winning entry in that one:

A frog goes into a bank for a loan. Bank officer Patty Wack tells the frog he needs some kind of collateral. The frog returns with an unrecognized object Patty Wack takes it to the bank pres. for identification. The bank president says "It's a nicknack, Patty Wack, give the frog a loan." ARGH!

## Just the ticket: Neuman, Paulsen for president

**CLEARWATER, Fla.** — Alfred E. Neuman — or somebody who looks just like him — announced his candidacy for president Monday, and was immediately challenged to a debate by perennial candidate Pat Paulsen. Neuman, the "What, me worry?" mascot of *Mad* magazine, immediately accepted and an otherwise silly news conference quickly became ridiculous.



**ALFRED E. NEUMAN** You could do a lot worse.

"Do you realize the country is on the brink of ruin," Neuman asked nobody in particular. "Elect me and I'll finish the job." Paulsen, a comedian and standard bearer for the Straight Talking American Government, or STAG, Party, announced his opposition to tax cuts. "The people don't need money, the government does," he said. "The people will just blow it on things like food and clothing." Neuman touted his write-in campaign. "Amid all the uncertainty, I offer a clear voice of indecision," he said. "You could do a lot worse, and you often have." Paulsen attacked the major parties, saying the GOP has "a program to solve all the problems of 1928, in case that year ever comes back." Democrats, he said, offer "hundreds of programs to benefit those who are willing to vote, but not willing to work."



# PETERS, "I'M MICHAEL JACKSON!"

CHICAGO--The STAR has learned Alan Peters has been impersonating Michael Jackson. Peters had sought less publicity as the rock star; he's led the double life for years.

"Actually, there is no Michael Jackson. I'm him. We're one and the same," Peters revealed to the STAR in an EXCLUSIVE interview.

"My rock star life gave me some peace and quiet, a brief respite from the hurried life of a swinging north side librarian."

"As far as Brooke Shields is concerned, she's big, but aggressive and agile. One of the best I've ever had, that's for sure!"

Our interview was cut short as Peters' "groupies" continued to bang on the windows of his north side love nest.

Finally, Alan got up, shrugged his shoulders and said, "I guess I have to go back to being Michael Jackson for a while so I can get some peace and quiet."

Unleashing his curls, he quickly changed into costume and left the apartment.

The mobs outside were obviously disappointed. As we left, the girls, some offering their naked bodies at his doorstep, kept chanting, "We want Alan....we want Alan. Give us the hunk!!!!"



STAR photogs caught Peters wearing hairnet to hide Jehri-curl, his Jackson trademark.



Peters after transformation, a dull guy compared to Northside swinging librarian!

Nubile, comely chicks, some as young as 7, wait outside Peters' apartment to offer body parts to single stud.

Peters admits, "When my passions rise, age is no factor!" but ads, "My true loves are my cats!"



NIXON WARNS GILLESPIE, "DON'T BEND OVER!!!!"

Riverside--The STAR has learned Jim Gillespie may be named the "backup candidate" should Ronald Reagan decide not to run for a second term!

"Of course, I think the President is a bit liberal with the taxpayers money," Gillespie said, "But I think I could turn that around with the naming of David Stockman as my running mate!"

Top Republicans around the country were delighted with the choice.

"It's a #\*%\$\* great idea," noted Barry "The Bomber" Goldwater.

"Who sez you can't squeeze blood from a turnip? If it can be done, Gil will do it!" noted New England's Jack Kemp.

"Let me know if you want to play some golf," said Jerry Ford. "Or, if you get juiced-up and need to dry out, come on over to Betty's place."

Formereconomic adviser Marty Feldsteen told the STAR, "Gil would be great for the nation. He's so tight, he squeaks!"

Meantime, former Prez Ricky Nixon warned the Gil-man to be wary of the media.

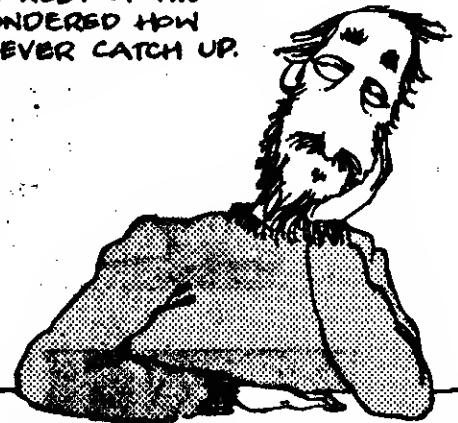
The following is a real, true Nixon quote:

"I've talked to people in the media...and they say, 'But it's the responsibility of the media to look at government generally, and particularly at the president, with a microscope.' I don't mind the microscope, but--oh boy--when they use a proctoscope, that's going too far."



GORSKI'S WORLD:

HAVING FORGOTTEN THAT YESTERDAY WAS THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF HIS LIFE, HE WONDERED HOW HE WOULD EVER CATCH UP.



**BENES WINS CONTEST!****DID VEEP TAKE DIVE?**

CICERO--James "Theo" Benes has won the STAR'S "Bowling for Vice-Presidents" contest this past weekend at Prague Lanes, tripping up George Bush with 3 strikes in a row! The Cicero bowling veteran wins a years subscription to the STAR!

"Great stuff," chirped the jubilant winner as he was presented a gift certificate by publishing magnate Furgold T. Pantsuit. But Pantsuit was blushing due to reports "The Veep" may have "taken a dive" for Benes, one of Bush's ardent political supporters.



Meantime, the Democrats are promising a full investigation of what's being called "Bowling-gate," which is slightly different from Bolingbrook, but not much.

Senator Ted Kennedy, perennial presidential cannon fodder and winner of the STAR'S "Good Driver Award," says Democrats are steaming over the

Ted-will investigate incident!

"This uh, ranks uh, right uh, up there with, uh, such uh, boondoggles as the uh, Carter briefing, uh papers affair, uh!" Remember that one folks? Almost as big as Ed Meese's cufflinks!



Jerry-blesses the Beezer!

Yet another development as the STAR has learned exclusively that anti-ERA hen Phyllis Schlafly and pro-God guy Jerry "The Rev" Falwell are supporting Jim Benes in his time of need.

"He knows how to keep his women happy," admitted the former Benes lover. "Barefoot and pregnant!"

Falwell meanwhile, used his TV pulpit to proclaim Benes, "A pillar of the community, a helluva guy, and one frigging great Christian!"

At press time, The Beezer was unavailable for comment, and holed-up in his Hinsdale mansh.



Did Veep take tumble for beezer????

**KING ADMITS, "I'VE SWITCHED!" WIFE IN SHOCK!**

HINSDALE--Rich King has confided to STAR reporters that the pressure of his important job is finally getting to him, and that he's switched, to decaffeinated coffee.

"My life-and-death important job of reading scores and babbling about sports is getting to me. I can't take the pressure. It's rough, but I guess somebody's gotta do it! I'll just guts-it-out as long as I can," King confided to the STAR.

"To handle the pressure, I've switched to SANKA."

The STAR has also learned King has forced wife Marge to use Ben-Gor Caffeine Crystals, for that rich, full-bodied caffeine flavor!



King: tries to laff off tension



Marge: ponders Dick's fate

## SPROTZ PEOPLE:



Retiring Naperville Sun Dallas Houston said it, "Now that I'm retiring, I can make a fortune, by selling drugs to to players in the NBA!"



And the always quotable Denver pitching coach Gene Fodge was right when he said, "They didn't hire me for my good looks."



CANARYVILLE--An irate Bodeslav Skelvankovich is hit with his second technical foul in the TBA semi-final contest with Mohawk, after telling ref, "You remind me of Ed Leswig!" The Parrots won without "Coach," but lost the second game when he was back piloting the team.

Sports Headline We Would Have Liked to See: SOVIETS WON'T SEND TRANSVESTITE ATHELETES TO OLYMPICS. MORE MEDALS FOR US!!! STEROID SALES PLUMMET.



TRAIN MAY BE CUT BY DUDES!!!

JACKSON'S HOLE--Former Peshtigo Flame scoring star Lionel Train may be dumped by coach Chuck O'Finley because, "He might not be good enough!"

Rookie Sak O'Puss may replace Train on the roster. The "Cho Cho Man" was recently declared a free agent and jumped to the then-talent-starved Dudes.

But Dudes owner Dave "The Cop" Skaja sez, "We got more than we needed in the draft. Some great veterans are back too. Train will be lucky to make the team. And if he does, he'll probably be our 11th man."

Sak O'Puss (left) plays tough against Lionel Train during JH team scrimmage in spring tune-up for upcoming TBA wars this fall. No matter what division the Dudes wind-up in, they are sure to be a contender this season!

"Hey, this is sports! If you can't beat 'em, hurt 'em," quips Wombat catcher Harry "Dog" Cannon, as he deck Biloxi's Stash Pulaski trying to steal home. Biloxi won 2 of 3.





# BASKETBALL: THE TBA TODAY PLAYOFFS

It's the Naperville Suns against the Mohawk Magicians in the TBA finals. The Magicians gained the finals with two wins over the Canaryville Parrots, one of them a one point squeaker:

Canaryville 21 28 28 22 - 99  
Mohawk 20 30 30 29 - 109

Hl: Johnson and Hamilton, Mhk, 21;  
Rb: Mainway, Cvl, 13; 3Pts: Hamilton 2,  
Mhk; Rarwell, Cvl

Canaryville 25 23 26 24 - 98  
Mohawk 24 17 32 26 - 99

Hl: Johnson, Mhk, 25; Rb: Stiles,  
Mhk, 12; 3Pts: Hughes and Hamilton, Mhk

## DUDES SIGN TRANE

JACKSON HOLE, WYOM, May 3—The Jackson Hole Dudes announced the signing today of former Peshtigo Flame superstar Lionel Trane. Trane was rumored to have decided to become a free-agent when he found out that Peshtigo had been sold to former Jackson Hole owner Virg Wileon.

Jackson Hole's owner Dave Skaja took time off from his crime fighting duties and flew into Jackson Hole to be present for the signing. "There is no doubt in my mind, Jackson Hole is now a play-off contender" said Skaja. A demented look came into his eyes; "I guess I got that Wilson good. Nine years ago I sold Wilson a dynasty. How does he return the favor? After his best players retire he skips town like a rat abandoning a sinking ship, and unloads the team on me. Well, I've got the last laugh, I've got his best player."

When asked about his signing with JH, Trane said "I am looking forward to bring the TBA Championship back to Jackson Hole, where it belongs. I am also looking forward to playing for Coach O'Finley. I have always looked up to O'Finley, he's a hard man, but a fair man."

"Kick ass and take names, thats all I have to say about next year, kick ass and take names," O'Finley said.

## TBA DRAFT:

Canaryville: Retires: Baltimore  
Coggins. Draft: no picks...

## THE NATURAL. (by far the best)

the NL of the '30's (by far the best) the NL of that epoch)? Why not put him in the American League and pit him against some competition? Moreover, if Hobbs is to lead his team to a playoff game for the pennant why have it be against Pittsburgh, which finished sixth in reality in '39?

But if THE NATURAL is less than excellent as a baseball film, it is still a fine movie. It pits Hobbs, a man with a dark past, not future, and a shining present, against various forces of evil: two temptresses and three male characters whom any STAR reader from Cook County would instantly recognize as the scum of the earth—a judge, a professional gambler, and a journalist. It is in bringing us the contest waged on this elemental level and in showing us facets and complexities that THE NATURAL succeeds and does so most gratifyingly. I give THE NATURAL \*\*\*.

## BASEBALL: THE URA TODAY

### Standing of the Clubs

team	w	l	pct	gb
LOS FEDERALES				
Brookfield	12	4	.750	—
Evanston	10	4	.714	1
Hollywood	10	11	.476	4 1/2
Galesburg	8	9	.470	4 1/2
Sherman	3	4	.429	4 1/2
Denver	7	10	.411	5 1/2
Durango	5	8	.385	5 1/2
PLAYERS LEAGUE				
Rochester	11	7	.611	—
Des Plaines	12	8	.600	—
Thunder Bay	11	9	.550	1
Biloxi	7	6	.538	1 1/2
Santa Fe	14	14	.500	2
Deerfield	8	13	.381	4 1/2
San Diego	4	13	.235	6 1/2

OVERDUE: 5 WEEKS: HW at SH; 3 weeks: DV at DO; BX at SH; 2 weeks: GB at EV; DS at SH; 1 week: DO at BR; SH at GB; BX at SD; EV at RC...

(AFBA)

## ANTOSIAK/BENES GAMING VENTURE?

Joe Antosiak and Jim Benes are kicking around the idea of holding a gaming day at Benes' again this summer. Who would want to stay indoors and play games on a beautiful summer day? No one, of course, that's why the plan is beginning to look like this: a date will be chosen for gaming, and if the weather is too good (or the forecast is) it will be put off for a week, then another, until a rainy day comes along. Who's interested?